

CLAIMS:

1. A shaving head (8) comprising:
 - at least one cutting blade (10, 12) and
 - actively driveable skin stretching means (14) arranged behind said cutting blade (10, 12) relative to a cutting direction (16) of said cutting blade (10, 12),
- 5 characterized by means (18) for providing a pivot axis (20) between the shaving head (8) and a handle (22) attached or attachable to said shaving head (8), said pivot axis (20) being arranged at least essentially parallel to said cutting blade (10, 12).
2. The shaving head (8) according to claim 1, wherein between said shaving head (8) and said handle (22), when attached to the shaving head (8), there is provided at least one spring element (24; 26).
- 10 3. The shaving head (8) according to claim 1, further comprising guard means (28) arranged in front of said cutting blade (10, 12) relative to said cutting direction (16) of said cutting blade (10, 12).
- 15 4. The shaving head (8) according to claim 3, wherein said guard means (28) are adapted to perform a hair erecting function.
- 20 5. The shaving head (8) according to claim 3, wherein said guard means (28) are adapted to perform a lubricating function.
6. The shaving head (8) according to claim 3, wherein said guard means (28) comprise at least one strip (30) arranged parallel to said cutting blade (10, 12).
- 25 7. The shaving head (8) according to claim 3, wherein said pivot axis (20) is arranged such that a force component applied perpendicularly to said cutting direction (16) during a shaving operation is distributed at least essentially in equal parts to said actively driveable skin stretching means (14) and said guard means (28).
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8. The shaving head (8) according to claim 3, wherein said pivot axis (20) is arranged closer to said guard means (28) than to said actively driveable skin stretching means (14).
- 5 9. The shaving head (8) according to claim 1, wherein said means for providing a pivot axis (20) parallel to said cutting blade (10, 12) comprise first coupling means (38) for coupling said shaving head (8) to said handle (22).
- 10 10. The shaving head (8) according to claim 1, wherein said actively driveable skin stretching means (14) comprise at least one actively driveable roller (32).
11. The shaving head (8) according to claim 10, wherein the sense of rotation (34) of said roller (32), when active during a shaving operation, corresponds to its reeling sense of rotation (34) relative to said cutting direction (16) and that the rotational speed of the actively
15 driven roller (32) is higher than the rotational speed that would result from the movement of the shaving head (8).
12. The shaving head (8) according to claim 1, wherein said actively driveable skin stretching means (14) are driven via a movement of the shaving head (8) over skin to be shaved.
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13. The shaving head (8) according to claim 1, wherein said actively driveable skin stretching means (14) are driveable by an electromotor (36).
14. The shaving head (8) according to claim 13, wherein said electromotor (36) is
25 associated with said shaving head (8).
15. The shaving head (8) according to claim 13, wherein said electromotor (36) is associated with said handle (22).
- 30 16. The shaving head (8) according to claim 15, further comprising second coupling means (54) for coupling said skin stretching element to said electromotor (36).